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E.O. 11652: N/A
SUBJ: MEDIA COVERAGE: SIGNING OF PANAMA CANAL TREATIES

REF: A. USIA 24556, B. SAN JOSE 4155

1. TELEVISION: ALL 4 STATIONS (CANALS 6, 7, 4, 11) CARRIED TRANS-MISSION LIVE, ESTIMATED VIEWING AUDIENCE 300,000. HOWEVER FEED WAS RECEIVED FROM NICATELSAT IN PORTUGUESE, CAUSING INITIAL CONFUSION AT BEGINNING OF BROADCAST. POST TOOK IMMEDIATE ACTION TO PHONE-PATCH VOA SPANISH. TECHNICIANS HERE BELIEVE PROBLEM ORIGINATED IN WASHINGTON; POST WOULD APPRECIATE CLARIFICATION. SPANISH FEED HAD BEEN REQUESTED.

2. RADIO: 30 STATIONS CARRIED VAO SPANISH LIVE; ESTIMATED AUDIENCE 1 MILLION.

3. NEWSPAPER PLAY: SEPT 3-7 COVERAGE REPORTED IN REF TEL 4155. SEPT 8 MORNING DAILIES GAVE BANNER PLAY TO WIRE-SERVICE COMPILATIONS, GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN EXCELSIOR RAN BIGGEST SPLASH WITH 8-COL LEAD, "A HISTORIC SIGNING". INDEPENDENT LA REPUBLICA FRONT-PAGED AP DISPATCHES UNDER "TREATY PROVOKES REACTIONS". ONLY SEPT 8 COMMENT LA REPUBLICA EDITORIAL, "A LESSON AND DIRECTION",
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ECHOING WIDESPREAD SUPPORT FOR TREATY: "THE EFFICACY AND STRENGTH OF US-LATIN AMERICAN RELATIONS IS GAINED MORE THROUGH CONCRETE ACTS OF GOOD WILL THAN WITH PRINCIPLES AND GRAND SPEECHES...IT IS A LESSON FOR THE WORLD THAT THE US HAS PAID ATTENTION TO PANAMANAIN GRIEVANCES...IN PLACE OF SENDING IN TANKS AND INFANTRY DIVISIONS SUCH AS HAPPENED IN THE SPRING OF PRAGUE, IN POLAND, AND IN BUDAPEST". FULL SPANISH TEXT OF EDITORIAL BEING SENT UNDER

SEPARATE USINFO.

4. EX-PRESIDENT FIGUERES APPLAUDS TREATY: PAO AND EX-PRESIDENT
PEPE FIGUERES VIEWED LOCAL TELEVISION BROADCAST OF TREATY
CEREMONIES TOGETHER. FIGUERES PRAISED US INITIATIVES IN OBTAINING
THE TREATY AND EXPRESSED HIS CONVICTION OF A GENUINE IMPROVEMENT
IN US-LATIN AMERICAN RELATIONS UNDER THE CARTER ADMINISTRATION.
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